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The Ethiopian Millennium

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the achievement of international cooperation in the economic, social and cultural fields,

Affirming the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its thirty-first session,[1] including its appeal for greater solidarity on the basis of recognition of cultural diversity, awareness of the unity of humankind and the development of intercultural exchanges,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome, adopted at the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly,[2] which recognizes, inter alia, that all cultures and civilizations contribute to the enrichment of humankind,

Acknowledging that the Ethiopian Millennium starts on 12 September 2007,

[1] See United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Thirty-first Session, Paris, 15 October-3 November 2001*, vol. 1 and corrigendum: *Resolutions*.

[2] See resolution 60/1.

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Taking note of the decision of the Government of Ethiopia to celebrate the Ethiopian Millennium through various activities aimed at advancing the national socio-economic, political and cultural goals,

Bearing in mind the contribution of the decision of the Government of Ethiopia to celebrate the Ethiopian Millennium towards the promotion of the culture of peace at the national, regional and international levels,

Welcoming the Declaration on the Ethiopian Millennium adopted by the Assembly of the African Union[3] at its eighth ordinary session, held in Addis Ababa, on 29 and 30 January 2007, in which it recognized the Ethiopian Millennium as a unique African occasion and called upon all member States of the African Union, the Commission of the African Union and regional economic communities to extend their support towards its successful celebration,

Recognizes the year from 12 September 2007 to 11 September 2008 as the year commemorating the Ethiopian Millennium.

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[3] See Assembly/AU/Decl.6(VIII).